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1. NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) CHAIRMAN AND DEP PRIMIN ERBAKAN AGAIN ATTACHED GOT CYPRUS POLICY NOVEMBER 5 BY REPEATING HIS CALL FOR INDEPENDENCE FOR THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE (REF A). ERBAKAN, WHO FIRST MADE PUBLIC HIS SUPPORT FOR DUI LAST JULY 20, TOLD THE NSP EXECUTIVE BOARD THAT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TFSC SHOULD PROCLAIM ITS INDEPENDENCE IMMEDIATELY. IN

AN APPARENT FURTHER RESPONSE TO FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL'S OCTOBER 29 STATEMENT OF GOT VIEWS ON REACHING A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT (REF B AND C), ERBAKAN SHARPLY REJECTED THE NOTION OF ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY JOINT GOVERNMENT WITH THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS AND DECLARED THAT AN IMMEDIATE DECLARATION OF UDI WAS "ADVANTAGEOUS AND NECESSARY."

- 2. TAKING ITS CUE FROM ERBAKAN, THE NSP EXECUTIVE BOARD ISSUED A STATEMENT NOVEMBER 6 REITERATING ERBAKAN'S VIEWS AND NOTING THAT A JOINT GOVERNMENT WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED EVEN TEMPORARILY BECAUSE IT WOULD MAKE MAKARIOS "SOVEREIGN" OVER THE ISLAND.
- 3. COMMENT: IN REITERATING SUPPORT FOR A TURKISH CYPRIOT UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDPENDENCE (UDI), ERBAKAN AND HIS PARTY HAVE DEMONSTRATED ONCE MORE THE DIFFICULTY THAT THE DEMIREL COALITION GOVERNMENT HAS IN CARRYING ON ITS CYPRUS POLICY. THE NSP'S POSITION SEEMS AIMED AT FORTIFYING THE PARTY'S CLAIM TO THE VOTERS THAT IT IS THE PARTY WHICH IS MOST PROTECTIVE OF TURKISH RIGHTS IN CYPRUS.

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